

**City of Council Bluffs**  
**Missouri River Event of 2011**  
**Employees' Daily Update - June 23, 2011 - 3:00 pm**

**Our Objective**

**Ensure Safety of Residents, Responders, Civilians and Guests in our Community**

**Current Alert Level**

Chief Alan Byers announced at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday June 22, 2011 that the city of Council Bluffs is at ALERT LEVEL 1. The decision was based on changing conditions to the river, flow rate and weather patterns. He stressed that NO IMMEDIATE THREAT EXISTS, but we continue to prepare in the event of flooding. In addition, NO EVACUATION is ordered at this time.

**Level 1 - An unusual or slowly developing event that may impact a levee system or a flood protection system.**

**Rumor Control**

Rumor has it that a employees at a local building supply store are telling people that the City has stopped issuing building permits - this is UNFOUNDED. Steve Carmichael - Chief Building Officer has indicated that his department is continuing to issue building permits as normal.

**Repairs Updates and Practical Advice**

In the area near the Twin City Pump Station, crews are shoring up road so that when pumps and equipment are ready for re-installation, a crane will be used to drop in the equipment. To shore up the road from which the crane is deployed rock will be added to make this possible.

This is an example of ongoing work on the levee protection system that may appear to be material and in fact will be extensive and costly. When work like this is observed, often persons conclude "something must really be wrong and "THEY" are not telling us the whole story." In practice these kinds of repairs and work are ongoing and preventative to protect the residents, infrastructure and property. You will see much more of this type activity in coming days and weeks and the best advice we can give at this stage is to be concerned if actual alert levels are raised, but not just because you observe new activity

**Missouri River Statistics**

Flood Stage - 29 feet  
Current Stage - 34.84 feet - USGS 1:30 p.m. 6/23/2011 (0.12 feet up from yesterday)  
Short term NOAA Projected Stage - 34.3 feet on June 28  
Flow Rate at Omaha - Council Bluffs - 197,000 CFS 6/23/2011 at 1:30 pm (down 5,000 from yesterday)  
Latest Reported Release at Gavin's Point - 154,300 CFS on 6/22 - will rise to 160,000 by 06/24/2011

**Levee Statistics**

**FREEBOARD is defined as the difference in height between the top of the levee and the top of the water in the levee.**  
Levees are designed to provide a minimum of three to five feet of freeboard, dependent on location.

**Volunteer or Assistance Opportunities**

Volunteers are needed to sandbag at the Mid America Center - Call 712-325-4736 to learn which days help is needed.

**Getting the Word Out - Media Contacts**

New PIO phone number is 612-741-1065. Be careful when dialing - the area code is 612 - not 712

Don Gross is the new Public Information Officer effective 6/23/11 at 5:00 p.m.

Senator Harkin will be in the EOC and address press on Monday June 27

Full coverage of Chief Byers Level 1 alert briefing in YouTube and Nonpareil website